

Water Policy & Climate Change

NJ Clean Water Council's Annual Public Hearing

Monday, December 7, 2009

How Could Climate Trends Affect Water Quality Management in New Jersey?

The Clean Water Council of New Jersey is seeking public testimony on the risks posed to water quality and water infrastructure by climate change and on effective means to adaptively manage the risks. Climate change is causing warmer air and surface water temperatures, more intense storms intermixed with longer periods of dry weather, and rising sea levels. While the contributory causes can be debated, the potential impacts of climate change on water resources and related infrastructure need to be identified and properly managed.

Testimony is requested on the following questions:

- ***What are the high priority risks to clean water posed by the increasing variability of climate and weather events?***
- ***What changes to water management policies are needed to increase flexibility and adaptive management, and how will NJ meet the cost?***

Specific recommendations on the following issue areas, as well as others, are welcomed:

- Stormwater
- Wastewater
- Drinking water
- Instream/pass-by flows
- Agriculture and green industry
- Water infrastructure

Place: NJDEP Public Hearing Room - 1st floor
401 East State Street, Trenton

Time: 9 am - noon

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